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Danvers Mass
April 28th 1900

To the Honorable Board
of Selectmen
Dear Sirs

You may think you have shown good judgement in the selection of fire engineers in dropping a thoroughly temperate man and putting one who gets gloriously drunk as he himself expresses his trip to Peabody

firemens ball a little over a week ago and he keeps one half drunk a good deal of the time.

I think if any one should be dropped it had ought to be a drunken man who has been on only 1 year instead of a sober one who has tried, and has done his work well for the last 7 years at least. I think the insurance companys and public had ought to do some thing at once about it

Then the other selectmen dropping who is allready on who got the next largest vote last year who is considered one of the best fire men in town who is just past 40 years old and selecting ach man over 60 years old. Who all usually got the smallest vote The excuse is the one dropped is out of town to work about 8 hours a day. The older one may just as well be

out of town 24 hours
today for all the use
he is at a fire.
He is all right to go.
to keep back in the crowd
out of sight and hold an
umbrella over himself
while it is raining as
he has been seen to do
on two different occasions.
I understand they are to
organize monday night
if they have not done so
or been sworn yet I think
you should do something
at once if you do not
some one else will later

An interested citizen